

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2010, the Assignee respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above amendments and on the following remarks.

Claims 11-14, 16-28, and 30-33 are pending in this application. Claims 1-10, 15, and 29 have been, or previously were, canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office indicates that claims 11-14, 16-28, and 30-33 would be allowable once the below issues are cured. The independent claims have been amended as Examiner Lai suggests, so the Assignee respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. Examiner Lai is also greatly thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Objection to Specification

The Office objected to the specification for failing to support various claim terminologies. The terms “connection module,” “management module,” and other offending terms have been deleted from the claims. The Office is thus respectfully requested to re-examine the claims in their current presentation.

Objection to Claims

The Office objected to claims 11 and 16 for grammatical mistakes. Claims 11 and 16, though, have been amended to delete the grammatical mistakes. The Office is thus respectfully requested to re-examine these claims in their current presentation.

Rejection under § 112

Claims 1-14 and 16-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite.

First, claims 1-10 and 29 have been canceled, so the rejection of these claims is moot.

Second, the remaining claims have been amended to clarify and to delete the offending terms. The Office is thus respectfully requested to re-examine these claims in their current presentation.

Rejection under § 101

Claims 28-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for claiming non-statutory subject matter. Independent claim 28 has been amended to recite “*non-transitory*,” as Examiner Lai suggests.

Claim 29 has been canceled, so the rejection of this claim is moot.

Rejection of Claims 1-10 under § 103 (a)

The Office rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent 6,526,581 to Edson in view of U.S. Patent 4,839,894 to Rudish, *et al.* These claims have been canceled, so the rejection of these claims is moot.

If any issues remain outstanding, the Office is requested to contact the undersigned at (919) 469-2629 or scott@scottzimmerman.com.

37 C.F.R. § 1.8 CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

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